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Hilary's a hockey fan

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Man hospitalized after mugging

DARTMOUTH A man was attacked and robbed by three men early yesterday in the area of a local service station on Victoria and Albrow Lake roads in Dartmouth.

The three men, in their mid-20s, pushed the victim to the ground and then robbed him before fleeing the scene.

The victim was taken to Dartmouth General Hospital and later released.

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Looking for ways to save money and ride out the economic storm? Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

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Motorists make their way across the Macdonald Bridge during rush hour yesterday. The Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission is looking at ways to reduce congestion on the bridges.

'A societal change'

Bridge commission considering higher rush-hour tolls

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Peak-hour tolling may be coming soon to a bridge near you.

It's one of the ideas the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission is looking at to reduce congestion.

The bridges are operating at capacity and something needs to be done now, said Steve Snider, general manager and CEO of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission.

In the next several months, the commission will study the impact of peak-period tolling (from 7 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m.) and of one-way tolling.

A previous study found HRM will need another



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Bridge commission CEO

bridge crossing between 2016 and 2026, but Snider wants to examine other options first.

"If we have an option of building (another) bridge at \$1.1 billion or a tunnel at \$1.4 billion, versus trying to bring about some other change, what should we do first?"

Snider said he believes making travel more expensive will change the way people get around.

"When would be the last time we've seen people make a change in the way they travel? When gas prices got very high, people got out of their cars and got on the bus," he told reporters after a speech hosted by the Halifax Chamber of Commerce.

The municipality is examining transit, parking, as well as other programs to reduce traffic, but the

bridge commission is looking at what they can do within their jurisdiction.

"I just know bringing about societal change — that is, how people travel — requires something different than what we've been doing," Snider said.

The current 75-cent toll (60 cents for MACPASS users) hasn't gone up since 1992. The bridges are paid for, but there's a debt of \$57 million from maintenance projects to pay off. Snider said they won't hike tolls to pay for the debt.

But that debt load is about to get a lot bigger: Snider said they're planning to re-deck the Macdonald Bridge between 2014 and 2016 at a cost of \$70 million.

Service cuts or tax hikes needed to stay in the black: City

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COUNCIL Haligonians could face service cuts, bus fare increases or even tax hikes as regional council begins figuring out next year's budget.

Staff say something's got to give. Last year's operating budget was \$557 million.

Staff estimate extra costs will drive that number up \$28 million more just to offer the same level of service this year.

At a meeting of the whole committee yesterday afternoon, some councillors spoke in favour of raising bus fares, though several rejected the idea of widespread tax hikes.

Due to legislation, HRM can't run an operating deficit.

There's also a hunt to cut down "inefficiencies," and for good reason.

A few years ago HRM hired a telecommunications analyst that has saved the city \$592,000 through things such as billing corrections, and picking better cellphone plans.

But it wasn't all bad news yesterday. Fred Morley of the Greater Halifax Partnership told council that the global recession hasn't hit Halifax yet.

He said that by the time it fully hits, the rest of the world should be pulling itself back together, keeping us from falling too deep.

Pressure

- Upcoming major expenses, such as re-vamping the Cogswell Interchange and building a new World Trade Centre, will put more pressure on budgets.

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Former RCMP constable Blair Francis Gorman, 43, pleaded guilty in New Glasgow provincial court to shoplifting from Wal-Mart. He had earlier pleaded guilty to stealing gasoline from the federal government. Judge Robert Stroud will sentence him later. **TRANSCONTINENTAL MEDIA**

Local



Greens unite in Pictou

The Green Party of Canada National Convention is taking place Friday through Sunday in Pictou with leader Elizabeth May as one of the featured speakers. This is the first convention for the party since last fall's federal election, which saw the Greens increase its national vote, but fail to pick up any seats. **METRO HALIFAX**

Man suffers injuries in latest shooting

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Police say they're doing everything they can to combat violent crime in Halifax after a 22-year-old was shot yesterday afternoon. It's the third gunfire incident in the city since Friday.

Halifax Regional Police were called to the parking lot at 55 Highfield Park Dr. at 1:45 p.m. yesterday, where they found a 22-year-old man who'd been shot in the chest, near the building's rear entrance. His injuries aren't considered life threatening, and he was taken to hospital.

People at the scene later identified the victim to several local TV stations as Ryan Jessop.

Bystanders saw two suspects running away from the scene.

Police don't yet know if the victim knew his attackers.

Const. Jeff Carr said the shooting isn't connected to the murder of Terry Marriott, Jr. on Friday, but it's "too early to tell" if it's linked to a Sunday-night shooting during a robbery on Dartmouth's Dundas Street.

"There's been a spate in the last few days, but statistically, violent crime has trended downward signifi-

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Const. Jeff Carr

cantly," Carr said.

"These types of incidents are not random in nature. Typically, they involve the criminal element. We are out there targeting that element."

He said police have put 100 more officers on the streets in the last four years, thanks to added provincial and city funding, and those officers are doing everything they can

to keep the public safe.

"Particularly where incidents involving gunfire occur, it's of concern to us, and it's of concern to the public."

Investigators are still waiting to formally interview the victim.

Reports indicate Jessop has a criminal record that includes convictions for break and enter, extortion and uttering threats.



A Halifax Regional Police officer looks for evidence after a shooting at an apartment building on Highfield Park Drive yesterday.

Limo company warned about high fares

TRAVEL People expect limos to be pricey. But the owners of Capital Limousine have been officially warned by the Utility and Review Board for charging up to \$200 an hour more than they were supposed to.

Huynh Lam has been running a limousine service since 1992. A decision released by the board yesterday said he and his son, Alexander Lam, charged a base rate of \$250 an hour — plus \$100 an hour in extra "taxes and gratuities" even though their licence only allowed a basic \$150 hourly rate for up to two hours' service.

When Lam first started the business, limousine owners were allowed to charge anything they wanted over a \$57.50 hourly minimum. In 2004, the rules changed and required 10-seater limos to be regulated. **RACHEL BOOMER/METRO HALIFAX**



Supporters of The Atheist Bus Campaign hold signs in front of city hall during a protest yesterday.

Atheist rally hits city hall

JON TATTIE
for Metro Halifax

The Atheist Bus Campaign held a rally in the Parade Square yesterday, protesting against what they called a silencing of free speech.

About two dozen demonstrators stood in front of city hall with their mouths duct-taped shut, holding a banner reading, "There's probably no God, so stop worrying and enjoy yourself."

Justin Trottier, president of the Freethought Association of Canada, said the slogan was not an attack on religious people.

"This campaign has turned into one that deals with free expression," Trottier said. "We are fighting for everybody's

"This campaign has turned into one that deals with free expression. We're fighting for everybody's right to a neutral public playing field ..."

Justin Trottier

right to a neutral public playing field where all beliefs and all values can be discussed."

Asked why they didn't just rent a billboard, he said the campaign focused on buses because they are publicly funded organizations.

"A lot of transit commissions make up policies which may or may not be illegal. These blanket policies against ideological

ads may be groundless."

He noted the Supreme Court is set to rule on a related case in B.C., where Vancouver transit banned political ads.

David Harrison, founder of the Canada-wide Bus Stop Bible Studies, said he believed his group had been cleared to advertise in Halifax and hoped both his ads and the atheist ads would run.

"The atheists have just as much right to state their beliefs."

"I ask the question, 'Would God be offended by it?' Hurt and disappointed, maybe, but offended? I don't think so," he said.

Metro Transit spokeswoman Lori Patterson reiterated the company's policy against ads that are "objectionable" to some residents.

Scott Ferguson named interim TCL president

APPOINTMENT Trade Centre Limited has promoted one of its top executives to the role of interim president and CEO after the departure of Fred MacGillivray.

Scott Ferguson, current executive vice-president of TCL, will take over the role until a permanent successor is appointed.

However, that successor could still be Ferguson himself.

"I'll wait and see what the process is. But I'm certainly very interested, obviously, in that role, and would appreciate any opportunity," he said yesterday.

In the meantime, Ferguson said he will continue to follow the business strategy developed two years ago of trying to bring

in major international business, such as large-scale events.

"We've made some great headway, especially in the last few years, on aligning our organization here to focus on more events and more of a benefit stream for the community," he said.

"My focus is going to be to continue to strengthen that."

Ferguson said there is currently no timeline for appointing a permanent president and CEO.

PAUL MCLEOD/METRO HALIFAX



Scott Ferguson

News in brief

FUEL Natural gas will not be coming to town this year, says a Heritage Gas official. Two years ago, when the project was first proposed, the goal was to have gas in Truro by late 2009. "The original objective was to get it available in 2009-10, but we have not been able to secure the amount of revenue that we had hoped for to date," said Mike Corkum, vice-president of sales and marketing. The company was originally looking for between 100 and 120 companies, depending on their fuel consumption, to make the extension of the pipeline viable.

FISH FARMING Friends of Port Mouton Bay members are certain a federal Transport Canada environmental assessment has already been approved and are, therefore, bringing their fight against a proposed 70-acre aquaculture farm to Province House 11 a.m. Feb. 25. Friends are hosting a press conference in the form of a "Presentation Panel" to "demonstrate the" (alleged) "unsuitability of Port Mouton Bay for fish farming." Transport Canada stated in response to an inquiry that the date of the decision would be the date of its release. **METRO HALIFAX**

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NDP asks province to eliminate security deposits for seniors

NDP health critic Dave Wilson is calling on the Nova Scotia government to do more to ensure nursing homes stop charging seniors security deposits. In November, the NDP introduced legislation to eliminate security deposits charged by some nursing homes in Nova Scotia. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Halifax not getting any younger

More people dying than being born regionally — and it's not likely to change, says StatsCan

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If Halifax were a person it would be 39 years old, living in the suburbs and white, but growing more Asian.

Statistics Canada released a demographic profile of Halifax yesterday that reveals a lot about the Halifax Regional Municipality, but raises concerns about an aging population.

There are several worrisome factors. Along with Newfoundland, Nova Scotia is one of two provinces experiencing more deaths than births. More people leave Nova Scotia for other provinces than the other way around. And we're getting old.

"It's an aging population and the fertility rate's not going up at all. It's going down. There's no signs to show us this is going to change and if anything it's going to continue to age," said Statistics Canada regional adviser Marc Melanson.

Melanson's projection of 2031 looks very different



A group of people wait at a bus stop on Barrington Street yesterday afternoon. Between 2001 and 2006 Halifax experienced stronger population growth than the rest of Nova Scotia (3.8 per cent to 0.6 per cent), but still lagged behind Canada's population growth during the same period (5.4 per cent).

from today.

In it, the baby boomers have moved into retirement and almost a third of the population is over 65 while only 17 per cent is below 20. Halifax will also be losing more workers than it gains.

One thing saving us is immigration. Halifax saw modest growth between 2001 and 2006, but it was only the influx of nearly 7,000 immigrants that kept the province's population from shrinking.

Even that demographic

is changing. The United Kingdom used to be our main source of immigrants, but now China is No. 1.

The Halifax core has also been shrinking, as more people move to the suburbs. The peninsular Hal-

ifax population is also older, which Melanson said is no surprise.

"Elderly people seek different services. They seek hospitals, transportation, their incomes sometimes are lower than younger families. And the issue

City breakdown

Halifax by the numbers

- Between 2001 and 2006 Halifax saw stronger population growth than Nova Scotia as a whole (3.8 per cent compared to 0.6 per cent).
- However, the city's population growth was lower than the overall Canadian average of 5.4 per cent.
- Halifax is younger than the rest of Nova Scotia (median average of 39 years old to 41.8) and better educated.
- Almost half (46.6 per cent) of young adults aged 20 to 24 years old in Halifax still live at home.
- Highest proportion of immigrants from 2001 to 2006 was from China. But the most common language after French and English is Arabic, followed by German.

sometimes is housing. They get away from the big six-bedroom homes and the big yards and move more into condos," Melanson said.

Province cuts red tape with New Brunswick

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When the going gets tough, the government gets out of the way.

The premiers of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick signed an agreement yesterday to reduce red tape for businesses and workers who criss-cross the border.

"We are examining ways to get out of the way of business, to reduce barriers to trade and the movement of skilled labour to allow workers to go where there is work to be done," Nova Scotia Premier Rodney MacDonald told a Halifax Chamber of Commerce meeting yesterday morning.

"The goal is to help our workers and businesses respond to opportunities with as few constraints as possible."

New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham said a number of initiatives — some immediate, others longer-term — were created after consultations with the business community.

"For example, commercial trucks delivering goods between our two provinces currently have to be stopped and weighed at Salisbury and at



New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham and Nova Scotia Premier Rodney MacDonald sign an agreement to reduce regulations on businesses and workers who cross the border. The premiers signed the agreement after speaking at a Halifax Chamber of Commerce meeting at the World Trade and Convention Centre yesterday.

Amherst. These two stops are within 50 kilometres of each other," he said.

The Partnership Agreement on Regulation and the Economy (PARE) will streamline the process so trucks only have to stop once, saving money that would be passed on to the

consumer. It will impact regulations on on-shore drilling, trucking, construction and every kind of business that crosses the border, MacDonald said.

Another project on the immediate list is to create a uniform 5-1-1 system where someone leaving

Halifax on the way to Maine would have one place to call to check out road conditions.

MacDonald said New Brunswick could piggyback on Nova Scotia's new 5-1-1 system, but that's just one option they're considering.

Province may scale back keno, d'Entremont says

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Keno, the new game to hit bars and restaurants next month, may be scaled back by the province.

Chris d'Entremont, the acting finance minister, said the existing plan to introduce keno in 180 establishments across the province next month isn't what he expected.

"The plan we had brought to us is a little different than what we expected and agreed upon so we're trying to review that to see if this is the program or if we're going to make changes to it," he told reporters yesterday.

The timing is ahead of schedule, D'Entremont said, and the scope was beyond what they thought it would be.

"I think it will go ahead but it might not go in the full scope of the 180 sites across the province," he

said.

Staff within the Health Promotion and Protection department wrote a memo expressing their concerns that keno would increase the number of problem gamblers.

A spokeswoman for Health Promotion said the memo was sent to the minister but never left the department.

She added that they did provide the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation with their

feedback.

Premier Rodney MacDonald said he was pleased the NSGC didn't go with keno in 2007.

"Today we see a game that is more in line with the social responsibility of the responsible gaming strategy and they are moving forward with it," he said.

"Today we see a game that is more in line with the social responsibility of the responsible gaming strategy."

Premier Rodney MacDonald

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A 62-year-old Winnipeg woman has been charged after hundreds of false 9-1-1 calls were allegedly made over a one-year period, CBC.ca reports. Joyce Prins is accused of making more than 300 calls to the emergency service between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2008. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canada

Klein wins Brit book award

Canadian journalist Naomi Klein has won Britain's inaugural Warwick Prize for Writing for *The Shock Doctrine*, her acclaimed investigation into neoliberal economics, which she calls "disaster capitalism." The 2007 book argues that governments and companies use natural disasters or man-made shocks like the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, to push through corporate-friendly policies.

REUTERS

Coroner willing to share child info

SOCIAL JUSTICE The chief coroner's office is willing to provide Ontario's child advocate detailed information on the 90 deaths of children in the child welfare system in 2007, with names removed to protect privacy. Laws prohibit the coroner from releasing background reports on these deaths, said deputy chief coroner, Dr. Bert Lauwers.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

COURTS The Ontario government heads to court today in a legal battle with SARS victims, who argue the province placed concerns about tourism and the economy ahead of eradicating the deadly disease.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Foreign Relations Cannon speaks on Afghanistan



U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton meets with Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon at the State Department in Washington yesterday. Cannon stressed the importance of a civilian presence in Afghanistan to train police there.

Drunk driving battle waged

Proposal just optics: Official

The battle over whether to lower the legal limit for impaired driving is again being waged in Parliament, with even the police and some advocacy groups questioning whether it is necessary.

Emile Therien, past president of the Canada Safety Council, said yesterday the proposed initiative has more to do with law-and-order optics than actually reducing the number of drunk drivers.

"We are by far the toughest in the world because we criminalize it (impaired driving)," he said, adding that lowering the legal blood alcohol limit will only make criminals of responsible social drinkers.

"This had nothing to do with public safety. This is all optics, part of the 'tough on

crime."

The Canada Safety Council is to make its presentation today to the all-party justice committee charged with studying whether the blood alcohol levels should be reduced to 50 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood, from the current 80 mg.

The Conservative government's Tackling Violent Crime Act dealt in part with getting tougher on drunk drivers, but stopped short of lowering the threshold.

New Democrat Party justice critic MP Joe Comartin said he remains to be convinced that amending the Criminal Code is needed, adding he hopes the provinces instead will incorporate reduced levels and greater restrictions in their statutes.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Top cops backing Tasers

POLICE The country's two largest lobby groups representing chiefs and rank-and-file police say Tasers are safe and all police officers should be authorized to use them.

At a bizarre news conference aimed at countering what police say is "inaccurate information" the public has received, the top cops' representatives argued there is no proven link between Taser use and the deaths of more than 300 people in the U.S. and 11 in Canada that have happened shortly after the people were jolted by police cops with the 50,000-volt weapons.

The Canadian Police Association and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police essentially called for

little change in a formal position paper released yesterday, even as they acknowledged Tasers may have been misused in the past.

"To date there is no evidence, either scientific or medical, that a conducted energy weapon has been the direct cause of death, anywhere, at any time, on any person," said the police chiefs' vice-president Tom Kaye.

They denied it was an attempt to buttress public support for Taser use during a damning B.C. inquiry into the death of Robert Dziekanski, who died after he was zapped five times by RCMP, and officially refused comment on that case.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

No assessment made, inquiry hears

TESTIMONY None of the four Mounties deployed to handle Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport assessed the scene as taught in police training or spoke to witnesses before confronting the Polish man, a public inquiry heard yesterday, CBC.ca reports.

Const. Gerry Rundel testified at the inquiry into Dziekanski's death that he and the other three Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers simply converged on Dziekanski and eventually stunned him with a police Taser.

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NORTH AMERICA'S RAILROAD

Dalai Lama sees China crackdown in Tibet New Year

Tibet's exiled spiritual leader the Dalai Lama urged his countrymen yesterday not to be provoked by any Chinese military crackdown coinciding with the Tibetan New Year this week. **REUTERS**

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World

Mountains found in South Pole ice

Jagged mountains the size of the Alps have been found entombed in Antarctica's ice, giving new clues about the vast ice sheet that will raise world sea levels if even a fraction of it melts, scientists said yesterday.

Using radar and gravity sensors, the experts made the first detailed maps of the Gamburtsev subglacial mountains, originally detected 50 years ago by Russian scientists at the heart of the East Antarctic ice sheet.

"The surprising thing

Sea levels

- Antarctica has enough ice to raise world sea levels by about 57 metres if it ever all melted, so even a fractional melt would affect coasts around the globe.

was that not only is this mountain range the size of the Alps, but it looks quite similar to the Alps, with high peaks and valleys," said Fausto Ferraccioli, a geophysicist at the British Antarctic Survey who took

part in the research.

He said that the mountains would probably have been ground down almost flat if the ice sheet had formed slowly. But the presence of jagged peaks might mean the ice formed quickly, burying a landscape under up to four kilometres of ice.

Ferraccioli said the maps were "the first page of a new book" of understanding how ice sheets behave, which in turn could help predict how the ice will react to global warming.

REUTERS

Obama Addressing the nation



U.S. President Barack Obama gives his prime-time address to a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington yesterday. Obama pressed the case for his economic plans, which include ending tax breaks for corporations that send U.S. jobs overseas and possibly setting aside even more money for debt-laden banks, which the Federal Reserve said earlier yesterday should be able to survive without being nationalized.

News in brief

MURDER Russian state prosecutors vowed yesterday to catch the killers of journalist Anna Politkovskaya despite a court's acquittal last week of the only three men so far charged in the 2006 murder.

MUMBAI Militants behind last year's attacks on Mumbai used cellphones activated in the United States and paid for with funds sent from Italy, an Italian

newspaper reported yesterday.

NASA A mission carrying a climate satellite into orbit failed yesterday when the satellite was not able to separate from the rocket, NASA said. The Orbiting Carbon Observatory was going to measure carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and determine what happens to the climate-changing pollutant.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Murdoch apologizes for chimp cartoon

MEDIA New York Post chairman Rupert Murdoch apologized in print yesterday for a cartoon that ignited protests from readers who saw it as a racist depiction of U.S. President Barack Obama as a chimpanzee.

In an article headlined Statement from Rupert Murdoch on Page 2 of the New York Post, Murdoch said the Feb. 18 cartoon was a mistake.

"I promise you that we will seek to be more attuned to the sensitivities of our community," wrote Murdoch, head of media giant News Corp., which owns the Post.

The cartoon of a policeman shooting an ape played on the real shooting of a pet chimpanzee in Connecticut. A police officer in the cartoon says, "They'll have to find someone else to write the next stimulus bill."

The editorial cartoon ran a day after President Obama signed into law the \$787-billion US economic stimulus that he had promoted, and the connection offended those who likened it to the racist, historic comparison of blacks to lower primates.

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Do we believe in freedom of speech?

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Do you believe in freedom of speech? Of course you do. It's the cornerstone of our democracy. It's etched in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms: "Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms ... b) freedom of thought,

belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication."

Pay attention, freedom lovers. Just because it's in the charter, don't believe everything you read.

What if I asked the question this way: Do you believe in freedom of speech for David Ahenakew? He's the Saskatchewan aboriginal leader who was first convicted, then acquitted, of spreading hate for expressing the following opinion:

"The Jews damn near owned all of Germany prior to the war. That's how

Hitler came in. He was going to make damn sure that the Jews didn't take over Germany or Europe. That's why he fried six million of those guys, you know. Jews would have owned the God-damned world."

When he was acquitted Monday, the B'nai Brith said the verdict is inexcusable, and that Canadian hate crime legislation needs to be reviewed, i.e. strengthened.

Of course there are numerous human rights tribunals that could still discipline Ahenakew. B.C.'s code, for example, says

simply that a person must not publish or cause to be published anything that discriminates against a person or group, or exposes them to hatred or contempt. Under B.C.'s code, it would be much easier to find Ahenakew guilty.

I could ask the question this way: Do you believe in freedom of speech for The Ottawa Citizen? The paper was found guilty of libelling a former cop, Danno Cusson, who took it upon himself to go to New York in the wake of 9/11 with his dog, trying to free trapped survivors. The Citizen called it an ill-con-

ceived misadventure; Cusson was offended and sued — and was awarded \$125,000 by a jury.

Now it's before the Supreme Court of Canada, where media lawyers are pleading for libel laws to be liberalized. Obviously, we do not really believe in freedom of speech. Instead we argue about it. Sometimes restrictions seem to make sense; who wants some guy going around the country spewing hateful lies about Jews? In others, we're not so sure. To shut a reporter up, should all you have to do is sue for libel? Not a good idea if we want

the truth to emerge.

Here's the thing.

If we believe in "freedom" we have to tolerate lies as well as truth, errors as well as accuracy.

Freedom of speech protects us all from the consequences of our utterances and idiotic notions.

Freedom of speech is clear: If you think it, you can say it.

So one more time, do you still believe in freedom of speech? For me, the answer is still — and always will be — yes.

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Word on the street: What are you planning to do with your tax return? Splurge or save? And why?

Diana Iakossavas

age 24, Toronto

A: I'll probably put it into my savings. That's what I usually do with government cheques. To me, it's extra money, so I just throw it in my savings.

Dwayne Bromfield

age 34, Toronto

A: My wife and I are planning to reinvest in our house, and we're trying to pay down our mortgage.

Soumen Sengupta

Halifax

A: I'm going to save the money. I have to save for the future, it's pretty difficult right now.

Katheryn Serieux

age 36, Ottawa

A: I don't think I'm getting a tax return this year. I'm pretty sure I'm going to end up paying this year.

Paul Chafe

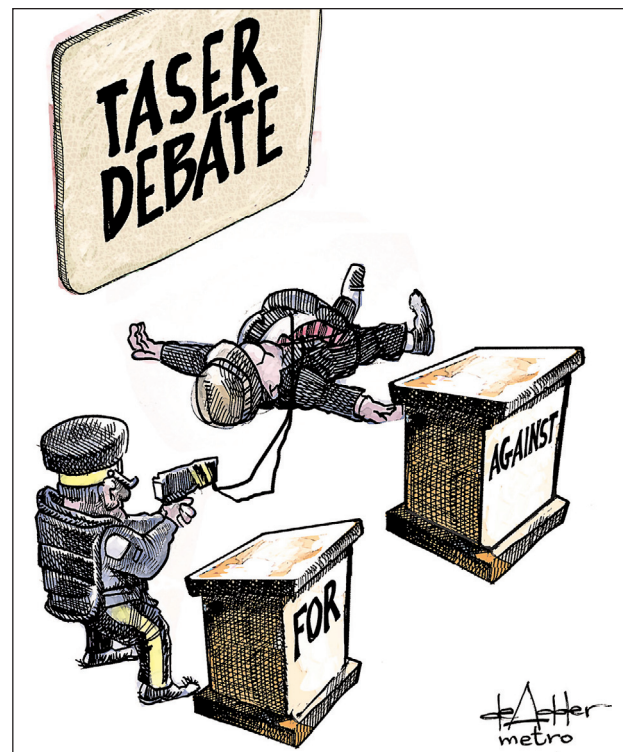
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A: Definitely save. I'm a student and I have a lot of expenses that I need to put it towards.

Michelle Conrad

Tantallon

A: Normally splurge — I didn't get enough back to splurge this year. It's free money.



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Canadian pitcher Erik Bedard, left, has passed his first small test in his return from shoulder surgery. The Seattle Mariners' lefty allowed only a ground ball single during a scoreless inning in an intrasquad game yesterday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Tiger ready for 'rush'

Tiger Woods returned to the links yesterday for the practise round of the Accenture Match Play Championship, which begins today in Arizona. "Of course I'll be nervous. That's the greatest thing about it, just to feel that rush," said Woods, who hasn't played since ACL surgery last July. His first opponent will be Australian Brendan Jones.

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Halak leads Habs to win

NHL RESULT

Canucks 0 Canadiens 3



Jaroslav Halak delivered a stellar performance between the pipes, turning away all 34 shots he faced to record his first shutout of the season and fourth of his career, as Montreal defeated the Vancouver Canucks 3-0 in a tussle in Montreal between teams of contrasting fortunes.

Tomas Plekanec and Andrei Markov each had a goal for a spiraling Canadiens club that entered play having dropped 12 of their



Mats Sundin falls to the ice with Montreal's Josh Gorges as he makes a shot on Jarsolav Halak last night.

previous 16 games. Roberto Luongo made 14 saves for the surging Canucks, who, despite the setback, are a tremendous 8-2-0 in the month of February.

Montreal opened the scoring late in the first period. While killing a two-man advantage, Canadiens captain Saku Koivu dove at the blueline to push the puck

to centre ice. Plekanec exited the penalty box, gathered the loose disc, broke in alone and fired a shot off the post to give the home team a 1-0 lead with 1:18 remaining, three seconds after Alex Kovalev finished serving a double-minor for high-sticking. Maxim Lapierre cemented the win with an empty-net tally in the game's final seconds.

Game Notes

Vancouver had not lost in 11 straight meetings with Montreal, posting 10 wins and a tie over that span ... the Canadiens finished 1-for-7 on the power play, while Vancouver was 0-for-6 with the man advantage. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Saskatchewan skip Stefanie Lawton shouts to team mates during their game against Team Canada at the Scotties yesterday in Victoria.

Jones beaten for a change

CURLING Defending champion Jennifer Jones was finally beaten in the morning draw at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts Canadian women's curling championship yesterday. The Winnipeg skip lost 7-6 to Saskatchewan's Stefanie Lawton in Victoria, B.C., to fall to 5-1. She was playing Kerry Galusha of the Northwest and Yukon territories in the late draw last night.

The score wasn't available at press time. Jones was second in the standings prior to the late

draw, trailing British Columbia's Marla Mallett, who improved to 6-1 with a 7-5 win over New Brunswick's Andrea Kelly. Alberta's Cheryl Bernard and Quebec's Penny Larouche were locked in a tie for third place at 4-2. Dartmouth's Nancy McConnery fell into a tie for last place at 1-5 after losing to Ontario's Krista McCarville 9-6 in the morning draw. She was playing Larouche in last night's late draw. The score wasn't available at press time.

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Another team effort in Raptors' win

NBA RESULT

Wolves 110 Raptors 118



Chris Bosh and Andrea Bargnani both scored 26 points to lead six double-digit scorers, as the Toronto Raptors hung on to beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 118-110 in Toronto last night.

Anthony Parker added 24 points, grabbed seven rebounds, and dished out six assists for the Raptors, who have won four of their last

six outings. Jose Calderon ended with 15 points and 13 helpers, while Jason Kapono added 11 points off the bench in the win.

The Timberwolves, who led by as many as 14 in the period, took a 37-25 advantage into the second frame. Down 49-33 with under eight minutes until half, Toronto found their groove and cut the gap to one, 51-50, with a 17-2 spurt. Bargnani tallied eight points during the run, which he topped off with a pair of foul shots. The Raptors started the third frame with a 13-4 run.

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Chris Bosh blocks Minnesota's Mike Miller last night.

Under-20 roster highlights a catch-22

Perhaps it's a no win situation. This week, the Canadian Soccer Association announced its roster for the run up to the Under-20 World Cup in Egypt this fall.

Either by design or by default, players professionally trained in Canada will represent half of this year's roster — a trend starkly different than in years past, when players with a European pedigree were given the nod.

It's a testament to the

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growing soccer infrastructure here as clubs like Toronto FC, the Montreal Impact and the Vancouver Whitecaps are having an ever-growing influence on developing talent.

Vancouver alone speaks for seven of the players on this year's squad — and for good reason. Their professional development program — widely considered

one of best in North America — begins as early as 11 for some athletes and combines development programs, a residency system with scholarships and two tiers of professional ranks. But, if the Whitecaps get their wish and join the MLS in 2011, it may all be for not.

As it stands now, the MLS has a very backward approach to player development.

Teams are encouraged to have academies and produce their own talent, but it was only last year when they were allowed to begin signing those players to contracts — and MLS rules state a team can only sign

one academy player every three years.

If Vancouver gets in, their residency could take a big hit as players see their prospects of joining the local professional ranks dry up. That could mean a return of less locally-groomed talent in Canada.

The good news is: with the MLS expanding to 18 teams by 2011, teams will need to start signing development players to accommodate the demand.

The bad news is: as it stands now, not one team in the MLS has signed a player from their academy.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Sunday at metronews.ca


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Sports in brief

NHL Penguins star centre Sidney Crosby left practice yesterday with a sore groin. Crosby, however, is still expected to play in tonight's game against the New York Islanders.

NFL The future of Pro Bowl wide receiver Marvin Harrison was finally decided yesterday as the Indianapolis Colts held a

news conference announcing his release. "Marvin let us know his preference was to be released. Both (team owner) Jim Irsay and I felt very strongly that after Marvin's long and dedicated service to the Colts, we would, in this painful circumstance, be guided by his wishes," Colts president Bill Polian said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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SCOREBOARD

QMJHL

ATLANTIC DIVISION				
	W	L	OT	P
x-Moncton	44	10	6	94
x-Cape Breton	40	17	4	84
x-Saint John	29	26	4	62
Bathurst	20	28	12	52
P.E.I.	21	29	9	51
HALIFAX	16	37	6	38

x-clinched playoff spot

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ATLANTIC CONFERENCE		
	W	L PCT
Manchester	12	3 .800
Vermont	8	6 .571
Halifax	8	7 .533
Montreal	3	8 .273
Quebec	3	9 .250

PLAYOFF RACE
(top two teams qualify for wild-card play-in game)

	W	L PCT
Wilmington	9	4 .692
Augusta	7	5 .583
Vermont	8	6 .571
HALIFAX	8	7 .533

THURSDAY
 P.E.I. at **HALIFAX**, 7

FRIDAY
 Cape Breton at **HALIFAX**, 7

SUNDAY
HALIFAX at P.E.I., 4

PLAYOFF RACE
(bottom two teams eliminated)

	W	L	OT	P
Val-d'Or	18	36	7	43
Baie-Comeau	17	33	9	43
Lewiston	20	39	2	42
HALIFAX	16	37	6	38

FRIDAY
HALIFAX at Montreal, 8

NHL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Montreal 3 Vancouver 0
 Ottawa 4 Carolina 2
 Anaheim 3 Buffalo 2
 Atlanta 4 Colorado 3
 Boston 6 Florida 1
 Los Angeles 2 Minnesota 1 (SO)
 Nashville 5 Chicago 3
 Philadelphia 4 Washington 2
 Phoenix at St. Louis
 Columbus at Calgary
 Tampa Bay at Edmonton

NBA

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Toronto 118 Minnesota 110
 Cleveland 94 Memphis 79
 Miami 103 Detroit 91
 Chicago 120 Orlando 102
 L.A. Lakers 107 Oklahoma City 93
 San Antonio 93 Dallas 76
 Houston 98 Portland 94
 Charlotte at Phoenix

Former Rainmen forward released by Throwbacks

Former Halifax Rainmen forward James Booyer was released by the Premier Basketball League's Chicago Throwbacks last week. Booyer, who played five games for the Rainmen last season, was averaging 14.2 points and 8.7 rebounds. **METRO HALIFAX**

Blue-line brothers boost Huskies

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When Andrew Hotham was 18, he enjoyed a brief taste of life as a teammate of his older brother Scott.

He was devastated when that memorable experience was cut short by a trade from his hometown Barrie Colts just two months into his Ontario Hockey League rookie season in 2004.

"Playing in my hometown and playing with my brother, it was a great opportunity," Scott recalls. "Having to leave the town and leave him was tough to swallow. I got on with it, but it was always a dream of mine to play with him again."

The Saint Mary's Huskies have made that dream come true.

When Scott wrapped up his junior career and came to Saint Mary's, it was a given that Andrew wouldn't be far behind. These days, the brothers are doing their best Denis and Jean Potvin imitation on the Huskies' blue-line.

The Hothams are the highest-scoring defence duo in Canadian Interuniversity Sport. They quarterback the AUS's most prolific power play and have combined for 76 points in 28 games. Andrew, a sophomore, led the country in scoring among blue-liners with 43 points, while Scott, in his fourth year, added 33. No other AUS defenceman had more than 21 points.



Scott, left, and Andrew Hotham are the highest-scoring defence duo in Canadian Interuniversity Sport. The brothers have combined for 76 points in 28 games with the Saint Mary's Huskies.

"We're extremely similar," Scott says. "We're both offensive defencemen, but we go about it different ways. He's got a little more

scoring touch to his game, although I hate to admit it, whereas I tend to pass a little more."

Their father, Greg, played

six NHL seasons with the Maple Leafs and Penguins and was a minor-league all-star.

"From what he says, he

University Cup

- The Saint Mary's Huskies and Moncton Aigles Bleus will battle for a spot at nationals in the Atlantic University Sport best-of-five men's hockey semifinal starting tonight.
- The AUS sends two teams to the University Cup in Thunder Bay, Ont., meaning both finalists clinch spots. The Huskies just missed earning the AUS's lone berth at last year's nationals with a loss to the New Brunswick Varsity Reds in the final.
- The second-place Huskies (20-7-1) went 2-2 in the season series with the third-place Aigles Bleus (16-8-4), but dominated them in a 3-0 sweep in last year's semi-finals.

was a mix between us," says Andrew. "He played more like my brother, but a little tougher. All I've seen are highlight reels, but there's a little of him in both of us."

The Hothams are best friends off the ice. Scott is graduating and isn't planning to come back, so the brothers are hoping to win an AUS title together before he moves on.

"That'd be huge," says Scott. "That'd be huge if he wasn't here, but to do it with him, looking back in a couple of years, would be something pretty special for both of us."

Marbury done with Knicks

NBA The New York Knicks and disgruntled guard Stephon Marbury have finally parted ways after coming to an agreement on a buyout yesterday that resulted in the team requesting waivers on the 12-year veteran.

The Knicks and Marbury released a joint statement following a scheduled arbitration hearing to discuss the veteran's grievance against the team after he was levied a \$400,000 fine. Marbury reportedly refused head coach Mike D'Antoni's request to play in a road game against the Detroit Pistons on November 26. Marbury was then suspended and fined by the team.

ESPN reported last night Marbury intends to sign with the Boston Celtics.

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Sports in brief

NBA Houston Rockets guard Tracy McGrady underwent season-ending micro fracture surgery on his injured left knee yesterday.

NBA The Boston Celtics have signed free agent centre/forward Mikki Moore, the club announced yesterday.

BASEBALL The Oakland Athletics have abandoned their plans to relocate to the city of Fremont. The Athletics had planned to build a stadium in the city, which is about 20 miles south of Oakland.

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Tigers chasing elusive national medal

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VOLLEYBALL The Dalhousie Tigers have had little trouble winning 23 straight Atlantic University Sport men's volleyball titles, but national success has been harder to come by.

They'll renew their quest for a medal finish starting Friday at 11 p.m. against the Manitoba Bisons at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport championship in Edmonton.

Dal has three fourth-place finishes in nine national appearances since Dan Ota took over as head coach.



Ratsep

"We've definitely had teams that could win that bronze-medal match, but it's tough," Ota said. "At the end of the day, you've got to beat some very good teams to win."

"One of these years we will definitely break through and get a medal, and perhaps this will be the year."

Fourth-ranked Dal (16-2) has not played fifth-ranked Manitoba, which finished second in Canada West at 10-8.

"We don't know a lot about them and vice versa, so it will be an interesting matchup without any history," Ota said.

The Tigers were forced to retool after the graduation of three-time AUS MVP Niklas Rademacher. Dan Murray returned at the end of the first semester for a

"We've definitely had teams that could win that bronze-medal match, but it's tough."

Tigers coach Dan Ota

fifth season and won playoff MVP, while third-year outside hitter Sander Ratsep and middle blocker Max Burt attained all-star status for the first time.

"The young guys have blossomed and done a great job stepping up and (Murray) has been outstanding," Ota said.

"It's been remarkable the progress these guys have made and if we play at our best, we'll be in good shape."



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Pet choice

U.S. pet safety advocacy group Bark Buckle UP has given the GMC Acadia its Pet Safe Choice Award for 2009, Canadian Driver reports. The Acadia was named for its standard third-row bench seating for restraining pets and ample room behind the seats for pet crates, among other features.

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Bang for your buck

Top value cars for tough times, tight budgets

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

What better way to ride out the recession than in a new set of wheels. While we're not trying to sound glib about the whole mess, if you're one of the lucky ones in a position to buy a new car, truck or crossover, this is probably the best time in decades to go shopping.

Here are Metro Drive's Top 10 value choices spread over a few categories to help point you in the right direction.

SMALL COUPE: CHEVROLET COBALT XFE (\$15,300)

No one would consider the Chevrolet Cobalt to be a thrilling ride, but General Motors now offers the XFE (or eXtra Fuel Efficient) package standard on any LS model equipped with a five-speed manual transmission. Thus equipped, it gets better highway fuel mileage and more standard power than either the Honda Civic or Toyota Corolla.

SMALL SEDAN: NISSAN VERSA (\$12,498)

Currently one of the least expensive new vehicles in Canada, this entry-level Versa comes only in sedan form with a smaller engine and manual transmission. Not exciting to drive, but good interior space, excellent fuel economy and luxury-car ride make it perfect for around-town shuttling.

SMALL HATCHBACK: TOYOTA YARIS (\$13,315)

Only the three-door hatch qualifies for the low price, but a little more than \$13,000 gets you Toyota's evergreen Yaris. Not many



Above: The Toyota Yaris offers great mileage and durability in the small hatchback category; top right: the Nissan Versa is one of the least-expensive cars currently available in the market; and the Jeep Patriot may be an inexpensive SUV but it's got enough oomph to impress a date.



Riding the Recession

niceties come with it, but it will sip fuel and outlast your grandchildren.

GO ANYWHERE HATCHBACK: SUZUKI SX4 JX AWD (\$21,195)

For those itching to have four driven wheels at the best price, Suzuki offers its neat SX4 hatchback. While front-wheel drive models start at \$17,000, you need to get a mid-level JX model for the all-wheel-drive option. For that price, you get a smartly styled, spacious, go anywhere vehicle that's solid and dependable.

WAGON: VOLKSWAGEN JETTA WAGON 2.0 TDI (\$25,775)

One of the few remaining true station wagons out there, the Jetta can now be optioned with the company's brand new, ultra-clean, low-emissions turbo-diesel engine. With amazing highway economy numbers and a full-tank

range of nearly 1,200 km, you could go for weeks before actually needing to find a fuel station.

LUXURY CAR: HYUNDAI GENESIS (\$37,995)

Just because you can afford to buy a new BMW or Mercedes-Benz doesn't mean you should. The new Genesis luxury sedan can play with the best of the world for half the price. Powerful V6 means there's no need to drop the extra coin on the V8 model. Oh, and it's the 2009 North American and Canadian car of the year, the first time for a Korean automaker.

SMALL SUV: JEEP PATRIOT SPORT 4X4 (\$18,845)

The car-based Jeep Patriot will go almost anywhere you need, getting good fuel economy in the process. Interior is much improved versus last year's, meaning you won't be embarrassed to take your date out in one.

MINIVAN: MAZDA5 (\$20,195)

The six-passenger Mazda5 mini-minivan is the most

fuel-efficient of the people-haulers for sale, plus it adds great looks, dual sliding doors and good road-holding abilities to the mix. Both back rows can fold flat for even more cargo-hauling flexibility.

PICKUP: FORD F-150 (\$25,699)

While not much has changed externally, the new F-150 has seen thousands of modifications under the skin to help maintain its title as the best pickup truck value on the market. Much like a Swiss Army knife, this one can be built from basic to ridiculous... but even the "contractor special" regular cab short-box model is an impressive achievement.

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Michael Goetz

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Hyundai Sonata one smooth operator

JIM KERR
for Metro Canada

2009 Hyundai Sonata

Type: Mid-size sedan
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Engine: 2.4 Litre DOHC
HP: 175 at 6000 rpm
Torque: 168 lb.ft. torque at 4000 rpm

Highlights

- Modernized interior
- USB connection
- Smooth, comfortable ride

Hyundai's Sonata is a mid-size sedan with the interior room of a full-size sedan. Available in three models, prices start at \$21,995 for a GL model four-cylinder and range up to \$31,495 for a fully loaded Limited V6 model. The Sonata Sport is priced between these two and features a small lip spoiler, leather bolsters on the seats with cloth inserts, performance tires and sport-tuned suspension. Riding a little firmer than the GL or Limited models but with a ride still supple enough it is comfortable for all day drives.

Subtle exterior differences distinguish the three Sonata models. Sport models have five-spoke alloy wheels, while Limited models have chrome exterior door handles and bumper inserts. All share the redesigned front end, with a deeper grille, larger headlamps and a new bumper cover with larger air intake.

From the driver's seat, I recognized the new more contemporary dash design but I wasn't overwhelmed like I have been in the past with previous Sonata models.

Perhaps that is because every previous Sonata has been such a dramatic improvement over its predecessor. For 2009, changes

are more subtle. The new dash layout is modern and refined. The design is clean and uncluttered, and there is added functionality too.

I loved the USB and power connection in the centre console for my iPod. I plugged in a USB memory stick with some music and the audio display instantly recognized it, provided artist and album information and allowed easy selection of songs.

On the road, the four-cylinder engine operates smoothly and quietly with fair power. The V6 engine is much quicker, especially noticeable when climbing hills or passing other cars but I could easily live with the power of the four-cylinder.

The five-speed automatic is new this year and helps performance. It shifts smoothly and the shift lever does have a manual mode if you desire a sportier feel.

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Travel

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Summer blockbuster

Some of the most celebrated names in Italian art are coming to Ottawa this summer, as The National Gallery of Canada presents a world exclusive exhibit called From Raphael to Carracci: The Art of Papal Rome from May 29 to Sept. 7. Masters including Michelangelo, Salviati, Vasari, and Barocci will be strongly represented. See gallery.ca/raphael. At left, Raphael's Portrait of Bindo Altoviti, c. 1515. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

A little-known gem in the South Pacific

New Caledonia boasts both an exotic setting and a French pedigree

DAWN L. ROBERTSON
for Metro Canada



For years, New Caledonians have used the catch phrase "France in the Pacific" to promote their country to the international tourist market. And it's certainly that, with a mélange of fashionistas and folks clad in the casual, brightly-coloured clothing that reflects an island lifestyle.

There are inspiring landscapes and water that is as intensely turquoise as it is rich with marine wonders. But amidst the exotic setting, the country's capital city, Noumea, emits a distinctly European feel, thanks to its colonial buildings, town square, gardens, markets, designer boutiques, patisseries and sidewalk cafes.

While Aussies, New Zealanders, the Japanese and the French have flocked to this South Pacific paradise for years, no one I knew could offer me any firsthand advice before I journeyed there myself.

In fact, I wasn't exactly certain where it was in the South Pacific. By the time I returned, however, I knew it was in a place that defines natural beauty.

New Caledonia is composed principally of the Isle of Pines, Loyalty Islands and a mainland that's divid-



Left, the Tjibaou Arts and Cultural Centre in Noumea. Right, a pirogue or outrigger canoe with sail near the Isle of Pines.



sion to Blue River Park. Our host, Francois Tran, was perhaps the most well-versed guide I've ever encountered.

While I could have rented a car and ventured there on my own, I would have certainly missed so much of the magic that could only be shared by a native in the know. Both a gentleman and a scholar of all things New Caledonian, Tran shared with us the 22,350-acre forest reserve that's home to a plethora of native plants and wildlife, including the territory's rare and revered cagou birds.

On the web

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ed into northern and southern provinces. The archipelago is splendidly tucked amid a trio of better-known getaways. Noumea lies about 1,970 kilometres northeast of Sydney, 1,805 kilometres northwest of Auckland and 1,300 kilometres southwest of Nadi, Fiji.

So it's a perfect stop for travellers heading to any of these more prominent destinations. But for those into diving, there's little need to go elsewhere. The mainland is cocooned in the world's largest lagoon, with water temperatures that range from an inviting 21 to 28 C. The reef is as close as a couple of kilometres from the coast in some spots and over 60 in others.

This magnificent marine environment bursts with fluorescent corals, sea cows, starfish, sea sponges,

turtles, sea urchins and even humpback whales. So to call it an aquatic paradise understates the case somewhat.

Upon arriving at Tontouta International on my Air-calin, aircalinusa.com, flight from LAX, I hit the ground running. Even before I checked in at Le Meridien Noumea, emeridien.com/noumea, I took in the Tjibaou Cultural Center, adck.nc.

This move paid off in spades since it provided me with a solid background on New Caledonia's Kanak people and what I'd be exposed to during my adventures. Housing a collection of art and traditional craftwork gathered from throughout New Caledonia and the wider Pacific, this architectural masterpiece showcases the Kanak culture via three "villages" linked by a pathway along the footsteps of their mythical First Man, Tea Kanake.

The distinctive Great Houses stylized design re-

flects traditional housing forms of varying height and surfaces; though the centre was also given a deliberately unfinished element as a reminder that Kanak culture is still evolving.

After a healthy dose of local insight, I headed back to the colorful capital of Noumea. In 1854, a French naval officer was so charmed by the natural port that he laid claim to the site. It's since been fashioned by sailors and missionaries, governed by the French military and claimed as a U.S. Army headquarters during the Second World War.

Today, for handy sightseeing, a small train makes a scenic circuit with stops at key sites between the city center and the main tourist area of Anse Vata.

Tight on time but determined to explore the Southern Province's interior landscapes, I opted for a highly recommended Caledonia Tours, caledonia-tours@lagoon.nc, excur-

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An aerial shot of Male, capital of the Maldives.

Another view of the Maldives

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Each year thousands of holiday-seekers travel to the Maldives for sun, fun and relaxation. A huge honeymoon destination, these islands just off the coast of Sri Lanka are marketed as paradise on earth, what with their white sandy beaches, turquoise waters and palm trees swaying in the breeze.

Curious about life outside the tourist bubble, I travelled to the commercial hub of Male (pronounced mal-eh), a densely populated urban centre and capital of the Maldives. It's one of the world's smallest capital cities, but despite its size, it boasts some interesting attractions for independent travellers.

The fish market, located on the island's northern waterfront, is a great place to begin your tour. Fishing is the second largest industry after tourism, so it's an important part of Maldivian culture. Watch as men lug freshly caught tuna from brightly coloured boats and toss glittering sil-

ver fish from vessel to shore. From there, take a stroll along the seawall, where locals come after sundown to jog and socialize. From nearby vendors sample the sugary treat called Kili, a grainy powder that combines betel nut, cinnamon and cloves.

If you're in the mood for a little cultural heritage, check out Mulee-aage Palace, which serves as the Presidential office, or visit the National Museum's exhibit of sultan antiques. Though there are several architectural icons around the city, the majestic golden dome of the Friday Mosque is the most notable — it's also a great point of reference when exploring the city by foot.

Walking around Male, I spotted motorized scooters weaving in and out of traffic. Giant bats dangled from mango trees, as women wrapped in headscarves rushed past 17th century fortresses. The city was a grid-lock of narrow streets, crazy construction and pot holed roads. With single file sidewalks, Male wasn't a particularly pedestrian friendly place but there was charm in her vividly painted houses, bustling vegetable markets and distinct local culture.

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Putting a cork in French wine tourism

Health lobby could stop vintners from holding wine tastings

The French wine trade fears new health rules could force vintners to keep the cork on bottles when visitors come to their cellars, dealing a serious blow to growing wine tourism by stigmatizing the beverage.

French parliament will debate early in March a proposed law that carries an article banning promotional sales of alcoholic beverages as a way of curbing binge-drinking among youths.

The wine sector fears the cure may be worse than the disease and could lead to a ban on wine tastings at a time of limits on advertising and plans to attack Internet sales.

"It's unthinkable, it would be a disaster and many people in France



A wine tasting at Sainte Roseline château in Arc sur Argens, France. French wine growers fear that attempts to limit youth access to alcohol could ensnare wine-tasting sessions as well.

could lose their job. Tastings are an integral part of promoting wine and educating people to consume with reason," said Marie-Christine Tarby, head of the Wine and Society body.

Tarby said that France was less impacted by binge-drinking than other countries and wine played no role in that phenomenon.

For many people, wine is

part and parcel of French culture and history.

The sector employs 340,000 people and wine is among the top 10 export revenue earners. Wine and vines are part of the attractions that make France a top world tourism destination.

Wine, cheese, baguette, beret and Eiffel Tower are among the key words that people associate with

France and tourists visit vineyards and taste the wines, buying bottles to take home.

But for the health lobby, the eternal image of a Frenchman with a black beret and blue shirt sitting at a table with an open bottle of cheap wine is an outrage and outdated.

Encouraged by recent successes such as a smoking ban for restaurants and

bars and advertisement restrictions, the health authorities want the French to drink less and fight alcoholism.

Alcohol was related to 22 per cent of traffic deaths in France in 2007 and is a contributing factor to heart disease.

At the same time, some doctors have found that modest consumption of wine can be beneficial to hearts and health.

The wine organizations, such as those of the Burgundy or Bordeaux wine makers, have not been sitting still and are doing their bit to fight drunk-driving by handing out breathalyzers.

Any adverts promoting wine need to carry a warning urging people to consume modestly and on some wine websites it spelled out that "moderation" means a maximum of three glasses a day for a man, two for a woman, and at least one day a week without a drink.

The image of wine in France has taken a few hits recently.

President Nicolas

Sarkozy does not drink wine and Paris mayor Bertrand Delanoë auctioned off a good part of the townhall's famed wine collection.

The bugbear for the wine lobby is the ANPAA — the national association for the prevention of alcoholism and addiction. "We understand very well that we cannot forbid youngsters to get their kicks, that people get drunk," ANPAA president Alain Rigaud said at a news conference.

"We are an association for prevention (of alcohol abuse). What we want is to make excesses more difficult — for example if one closes open bars and forbids sale at night it will become very difficult to find alcohol," he added.

The wine growers, however, do not want their relatively low-alcohol drinks to be treated the same as hard booze, or alcopops targeting juvenile drinkers. "They are rather dogmatic," said Tarby about ANPAA. It is up to French parliament to decide.

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Don't mess with Nicky Hilton. After being pushed to the ground by a homeless person at a West Hollywood IHOP at 5 a.m. Saturday, the heiress made a citizen's arrest, a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spokesman has confirmed. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Entertainment

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TV special

MuchMusic will give youth a forum to discuss the hot button topic of abuse on MuchTalks this evening. The 30-minute special will focus on Chris Brown and Rihanna.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

When big concerts rock the big screen

Jonas Brothers DVD could revive genre

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

I'm going to come right out and say it: The Jonas Brothers may just revive the idle genre of concert movies.

Not only do I say this because the teen trio has a dedicated following of hardcore pre-pubescent fans that will undoubtedly line up endlessly to see Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience — in theatres on Friday — but the movie itself was shot using cutting-edge effects that will surely draw those inclined to experience a cinematic rock concert in 3-D form (although U2 did it first in 2007).

While there's no doubt that today's focus in Hollywood is primarily on this

new way of witnessing gigs, there were many other stunning concert films before the gimmickry of 3-D came along. While the Jonas Brothers may render the traditional concert film extinct, there are certainly some worth revisiting:

THE T.A.M.I. SHOW (1965): Filmmaker Steve Binder released what some aficionados consider the first-ever concert film. Showcasing the top acts of the day, this rare flick is perhaps most notable for a closing "battle of the bands" sequence between James Brown and The Rolling Stones.

GIMME SHELTER (1970): The Rolling Stones were also the subject of this concert film by the Maysles broth-

ers. Chronicling the band's 1969 tour, this classic movie captured the tragic Altamont gig that ended in the brutal murder of at least one spectator. As a review in the San Francisco Chronicle stated, "few metaphors are as obvious as Altamont's for the death of the free-love '60s."

WOODSTOCK (1970): With groundbreaking appearances by Jimi Hendrix, Jefferson Air-



Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience opens in theatres on Friday.

plane and Joan Baez, Woodstock

is often considered the greatest concert film ever. Not only did it win an Oscar for best documentary, but it set the gold standard for the genre.

THE LAST WALTZ (1978): Martin Scorsese took it upon himself to direct The Band's farewell performance in 1976. Not only did he capture the Canadian legends' skill on stage but Scorsese

gives it his visual masterstroke as well.

STOP MAKING SENSE (1983): Directed by Jonathan Demme (Philadelphia), this Talking Heads concert film is a tribute to the showmanship of the pop act behind hits like Burning Down the House. The band may have split up in 1991, but this indelible film is still a stunning work of art.

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Heath Ledger's last film awaits deal for U.S. release

Backstage at the Oscars Sunday night, where her brother was awarded a posthumous supporting actor's award, Kate Ledger told reporters that her family is very much in the loop on his final movie.

"We've seen a little bit of the footage," she said of Terry Gilliam's *The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus*, Heath Ledger's last film. "I think it's going to be amazing."

But the comments only highlighted a larger question: When will U.S. audiences get to see it?

The head-trip-py Parnassus, about a travelling magician who gives customers more than they bargained for, is a joint production of financial entity

Grosvenor Park and sales mogul Samuel Hadida of Davis Films. It was gliding along as just another independently financed production — and product of Gilliam's funhouse imagination — when

Ledger died early last year, in the middle of production. The project's fate was thrown into question until

Jude Law, Colin Farrell and Johnny Depp stepped in, with all three part of an elaborate work-around that has the actors playing different parts of Ledger's role.

That saved the production. But the sales process since then has been nearly as complicated.

A number of U.S. buyers during the summer and early fall were said to be interested in acquiring stateside rights — Lionsgate and Overture reportedly were among the potential suitors — but word of a potential deal quickly quieted down.

That has fuelled speculation concerning such matters as dissent among producers over finances. **REUTERS**



CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

The realm of the movie macabre has long been a ghoulish men's club, with women depicted as either beauty to the big screen's many beasts or sexually voracious vixens.

Either way, femininity in horror is more often than not a perversion of the male id, partly because the ladies haven't stepped up to wrest control of the genre. But as new documentary *Pretty Bloody: The Women of Horror* proclaims, the tides are turning. *Pretty Bloody* sees East Coast-based filmmakers Donna Davies and Kimberlee McTaggart profiling a gaggle of intelligent modern women who have carved out their livelihood in the world of horror, including Vancouver-born scream queen and Fango Radio co-host Debbie Rochon and Toronto-based Rue Morgue magazine editor-in-chief and horror tattoo canvas Jovanka Vuckovic.

"We did this film to help dispel some of the myths surrounding women and horror," Davies says. "Women have actually had a huge influence on the genre, and not just as the helpless victim running from the monster, but as writers, direc-

More influential roles for women in horror



Jovanka Vuckovic of Rue Morgue magazine.

tors and producers."

Pretty Bloody also profiles such noted fright-based females as Pet Sematary director Mary Lambert, dark fantasy writer Tanya Huff and cult actress Brinke Stevens. In a series of conversations, these sophisticated and articulate individuals speak of the struggles they've endured trying to make their mark in a mostly male-driven genre, and of the ways fans have responded to their respective legacies.

"Times have changed and women are making up a large percentage of audience for these films," Davies says. "But female fans want to see a different kind of horror. They are looking for scares but want to see better developed story lines with stronger female leads who are sexy and kick butt."

On TV

• *Pretty Bloody: The Women of Horror* airs at 11 p.m. tonight on Space.

New face of L'Oreal Paris

L'Oreal Paris has named Patrick Dempsey as the new international spokesperson for the brand outside the U.S. Dempsey joins the ranks of Pierce Brosnan and Matthew Fox as a leading man for the company. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Taken in stylish strides

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada



Project Runway Canada had its first shocker-elimination last night as Montreal designer Baylor Orlando, 37, got sent home.

Orlando had frequently garnered praise as one of the show's stronger competitors but the judges found his re-worked wedding dress, made from a sari, overly complex and unflattering.

For last night's task, the designers' usual size-zero models were swapped out for a batch of divorced women of all shapes, sizes and heights. Designers had to take the divorcees' old wedding dresses and transform them into outfits that reflected their new single life.

While Orlando's creation didn't appeal to the judges, Vancouver designer Kim Cathers' monstrous hodge-podge creation of slashed fabric and mismatched elements was horrifying even to Cathers herself and she said the dress was "ill-fitting and looked like a garbage bag."

Despite the judges all agreeing that Cathers' dress was a disaster, show host Iman convinced them she saw potential in Cathers and eventually Orlando got the boot instead.

For his part, Orlando isn't one to feel sorry for himself.

"I never like to play the victim. As a designer you have to be able to take criticism because it makes you a better designer. You have to listen to critics, learn from them and move on," Orlando said.

He is proud of the work he did on the show and says he was surprised the judges didn't like his dress because he was confident about it going into judging.

"Sometimes, something you really like, other people won't like. I love every piece I did and I have no regrets," he said.

Orlando previously de-



Baylor Orlando had frequently garnered praise as one of the show's stronger competitors.

signed bridal and evening gowns in his home country of Venezuela before moving to Canada to pursue his career dreams.

"I left everything behind when I moved from Venezuela to Canada — this is the country where I want to succeed," Orlando said.

Orlando currently designs handbags and accessories for a Montreal company and hopes to launch his own clothing line in

the future. He says being on the show has been an amazing experience that proved he doesn't shy away from adventure.

"The show has allowed me to confirm that it's never too late to take challenges as a designer."

When to watch

- Project Runway Canada airs Tuesday nights on Global.

Canadian hip-hop artist now a global troubadour

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada



To many hip-hop loving Canadians, Toronto rapper K'naan is already a household name. His brilliant 2006 debut *The Dusty Foot Philosopher* put the Somalia-born musician on the map and his star continues to rise. But south of the border, the buzz is just beginning.

"I played a sold-out show in L.A. recently and Matthew McConaughey and Tom Morello were there," he said excitedly from a tour stop in Oakland. "I hung out backstage with Wood Harris from *Wire!* I don't even know how these celebrities are hearing my music."

It's safe to assume that the Hollywood crowd heard about Kanaan Warsame from the countless profiles in places like *Wired*, *Rolling Stone* and the *L.A. Times*, but there's also a good chance they got their hands on a copy



Somalia-born, Toronto-raised rapper K'naan.

of the artist's stunning sophomore effort, *Troubadour*.

Recorded in Bob Marley's Jamaican studio, the disc expands on the socially conscious sound that's turned thousands of listeners on to K'naan. He once again mines his life — from war-torn Somalia to Toronto — for material, while pushing his musical boundaries even further.

Besides rap, he tackles rock and reggae, even enlisting Metallica's Kirk Hammett on *If Rap Gets Jealous* for a guitar solo. "It

was one of these ideas that I thought would never happen," said K'naan, about Hammett's involvement. "But he loved the song. He did like seventeen guitar solos that we had to sift through and they were all great."

The diverse musical direction is definitely one of K'naan's selling points, but his passionate, and sometimes hard-to-stomach, lyrics are what really drives his music. One especially gripping track is *Fatima* about the death of a girl K'naan knew in his hometown. It's stories like these that explain why the international spotlight is shining bright. But for many, rap revolves around the hardships in African-American ghettos, not war-ravaged Africa. So how does the *Dusty Foot Philosopher* expect his version of street life to be taken?

"I don't expect people to understand this," he said. "But there's a difference between feeling and understanding it."

critics' corner

Pretty Bloody

Horror is for guys, right? Made by guys for guys who want to see blood and breasts, right? While the horror genre may be male-dominated, it does have its share of women in roles other than scream queen — director, for example. This new special traces women's contribution to the horror genre with film clips and interviews with directors Mary Lambert (*"Pet Sematary"*) and Katt Shea (*"Stripped to Kill"*), actress Debbie Rochon and more. 11 PM on SPACE



The New Adventures of Old Christine

Someone needs to give Richard (Clark Gregg) an etiquette book and highlight the part about gifts. Once you give something, it belongs to the recipient. But that doesn't stop him from trying to get Christine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) to give him back his mother's wedding ring; he wants it for New Christine (Emily Ruth-erford). Sure, every girl wants to wear a ring from a marriage that ended in divorce. 9 PM on CBS

Life

When Reese (Sarah Shahi) is asked to be a part of the FBI's joint organized-crime task force, Crews (Damian Lewis) teams up with Stark (Brent Sexton) to investigate the murder of a financial adviser who was fond of women and pigeons — not necessarily in that order. The investigation leads them to a world of extreme corporate and political power. 10 PM on CIHF NBC

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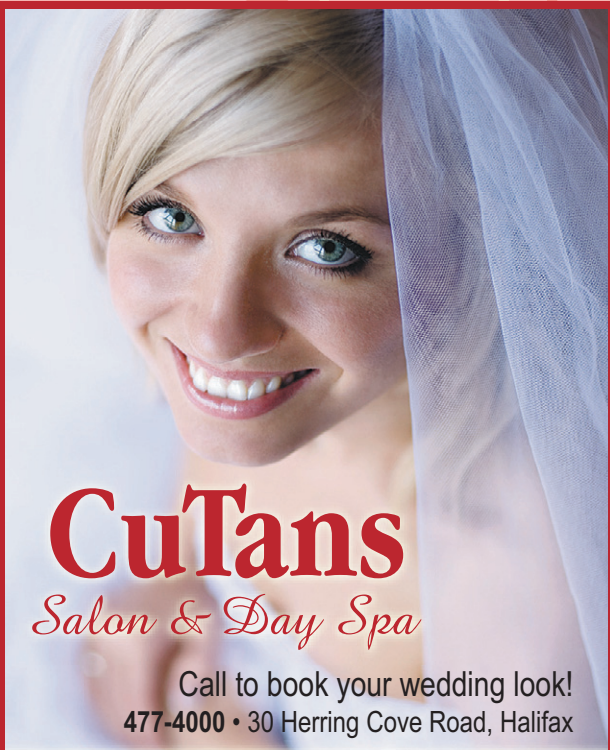
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Patridge's home robbed on Oscar night

Sunday was rough for Audrina Patridge — her Los Angeles home got robbed. "I had a really rough day today — I got home late last night and realized that my house had been robbed," she blogged on Monday. "It was pretty devastating." USMAGAZINE.COM



A farewell, a fundraiser and some flirting



LEFT: Bruce Wright and Laura Graham peruse the Black Tie Benefit silent auction tables. **RIGHT:** News 95.7's Andrew Krystal at Fred MacGillivray's going-away party at the Nova Scotia Sports Hall Of Fame.



HalifaxScene

Jamie Paterson



A COLOURFUL WEEKEND

The business community had its chance to say thanks and farewell to one of its own this week with a going-away party for Fred MacGillivray. The Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame hosted the event, a place near and dear to MacGillivray's heart. Unfortunately, the guest of honour was already gone by the time I arrived, but there was a reasonable facsimile on hand.

Canada's ballet royalty was in town this week to help raise money for Halifax Dance. Karen Kain is the face of ballet in Canada and is now the artistic director for the National Ballet of Canada. Saturday's Black Tie gala introduced her to the best of the best here in Nova Scotia.



Mayor Peter Kelly at the KOOL FM studio in full KISS makeup for the MS Society.



The "Funk'tion Dancers (from left) Wendy Mooney, Kelly-Anne Bryden and Ashley Ettinger at the Lighter Side Of Sex.



RIGHT: Gwyneth Fountain (left) and Madison James with National Ballet of Canada artistic director Karen Kain at the Halifax Dance Black Tie Benefit.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, the Not So Serious Side of Sex overtook Bubbles Mansion. Local "sex-perts" like Halifax Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane, lawyer and television personality Candy Palmetter, and Sexy Girl owner Rachel Dodds were pitted against each other to test their knowledge of all things sexual. It was enough to make this humble Scene Servant blush!



Sports Hall of Fame executive director Bill Robinson (left), a reasonable facsimile of Fred MacGillivray, and Hall Of Fame inductee Ricky Anderson, at Fred MacGillivray's going-away party



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Julianne Hough will have a hoot on the dance floor when her boyfriend Chuck Wicks joins her on Dancing with the Stars, which kicks off March 9. "It has been so much fun and really hilarious to see Chuck try to dance," she wrote on her MySpace celebrity blog. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

'Predator' Sam still around: Brit's dad

LEGAL Under her father's care and control, Britney Spears now lives a protected life, her access even to telephones strictly restricted, people.com reports Jamie Spears as testifying in a court hearing Monday.

So when the 27-year-old pop star managed to get a prepaid cellphone recently, her security team confiscated it from her purse while she was at a dance practice. Confronted, she revealed the phone was given to her by someone during a hotel stay, the website reports.

And that person, she disclosed, got it from two men whom her father wants to keep permanently in the singer's troubled past: Ex-manager Sam Lutfi and former boyfriend, paparazzo Adnan Ghalib.

Jamie Spears described the cellphone incident in testimony Monday in a Los

Angeles court as he sought to maintain a restraining order against Lutfi, whom Jamie has claimed harassed Britney and has sought to undermine Jamie's legal control over her life.

"When (Lutfi) was in so-called control, she'd lost everything — her kids and career," Jamie said at the hearing. "I believe he's a predator, I believe he's very dangerous to her ... and causes her a lot of anguish and disbelief."

In court papers, Lutfi 34, denies he's been harassing Spears,

countering that it's been Spears reaching out to him — not the other way around — by sending him text messages even though court orders forbid her from doing so.

Lutfi does admit that he's passed messages on to her through her hairdresser and others, including Ghalib, 36, but argues that the messages weren't harmful in any way.

But Jamie Spears testified about a series of what he called

threatening text messages he received last month from someone with the screen name "citygalin310," who he was later "100 per cent" sure was Lutfi. Lutfi's lawyer denied to People that Lutfi was the user of screen name.

Jamie also revealed why his daughter locked herself in a bathroom with son Jayden, leading to her first hospitalization last year.

"She was told by Lutfi she could have her children for another night," Jamie said. But when a bodyguard for her ex-husband Kevin Federline arrived to get the children, "She didn't want to let her kids go because she thought she could have them for another night," Jamie said.

The hearing will resume today with more testimony from other witnesses.

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Hilary the hockey fan

PEOPLE Hilary Duff rows with fans at her boyfriend's hockey games, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer and actress regularly attends New York Islanders games to watch her lover and centre Mike Comrie (who's now with the Ottawa Senators), and isn't afraid to confront "intense fans" who abuse her man.

"They'll be like 'Mike sucks!' Or they try to rile me up and I'm like,

'Hey, watch it! I'll come up there, you know,'" she said. "But I try to not be that crazy girlfriend."

Duff wasn't a fan of the sport when they first got together in 2007, but she is now: "The first couple of games I went to, I'm like, 'These people are nuts.' They are, like, so into it. And then, I got really into it once I started learning about the game."

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Baby rumours false: Portia

RUMOUR Portia de Rossi wants to make sure everyone knows that she is not undergoing in vitro fertilization treatments in an attempt to get pregnant.

"There's a story around right now about me that could not be further from the truth," de Rossi told Access Hollywood.

When asked if she was referring to the pregnancy rumour, she confirmed, "Yes, that was completely made up."

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Busy Oscar night for Robert

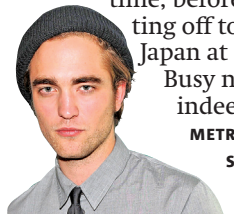
PEOPLE Twilight star Robert Pattinson was a busy man on Oscar night.

After presenting during the telecast, he hit the Vanity Fair after-party, where he was spotted having a long, deep conversation with Natalie Portman, according to E! News.

Pattinson apparently shared another hour-long confab with Paris Hilton at a different party, allegedly even going out into the garden for some private time, before jetting off to Japan at 5 a.m.

Busy night, indeed.

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Miley Cyrus to Miley Jolie-Pitt?

PEOPLE Miley Cyrus wants Angelina Jolie to adopt her, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

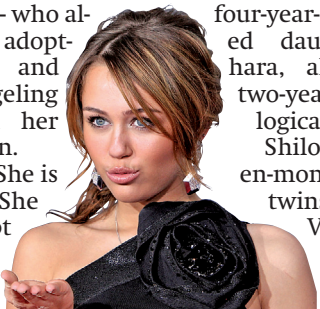
The 17-year-old star is a big fan of Jolie — who already has three adopted children — and hopes the Changeling star will open her home to her soon.

Miley joked: "She is beautiful. She could, like, adopt me."

Jolie and her

partner Brad Pitt raise six children together — adopted sons Maddox, seven, and Pax, five, and four-year-old adopted daughter Zahara, along with two-year-old biological daughter Shiloh and seven-month-old twins Knox and Vivienne.

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Sean and Madonna's run-in

PEOPLE Apparently there's one person who can get away with making fun of Madonna to her face: Ex-husband Sean Penn.

The two ran into each other at an Oscars after-party, where Madonna commended

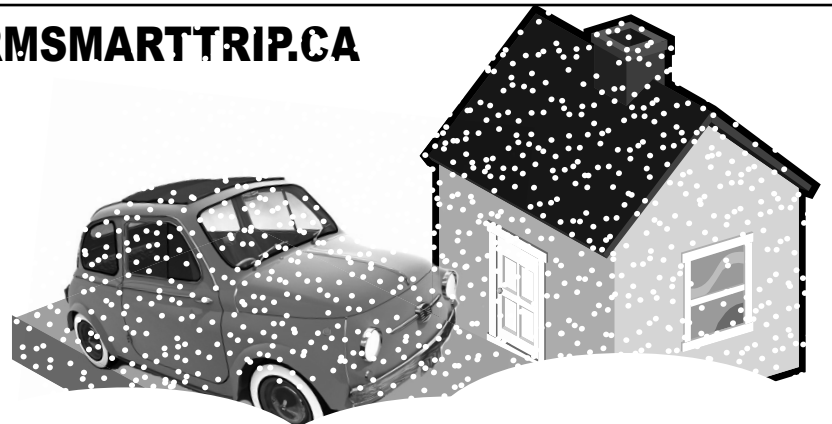
Penn on his best actor win for Milk earlier in the evening, according to Gatecrasher.

"Thanks," Penn said, before gesturing to Madonna's date, 22-year-old Brazilian model Jesus Luz, and adding, "Another kid already?"

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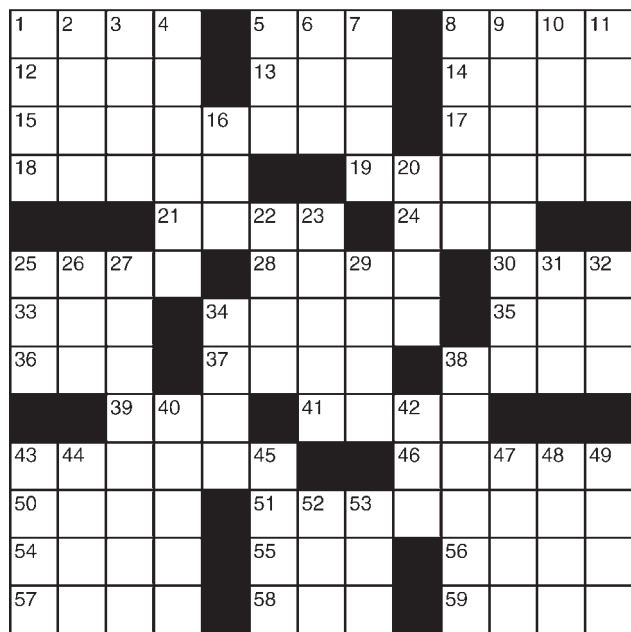
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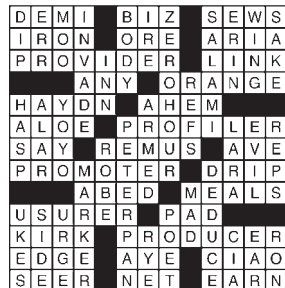
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| 5 Intention | 25 Make fun of | 46 Borgnine |
| 8 Resistance measures | 28 Ellipse | autobiography |
| 12 Egress | 30 Discoverer's cry | 50 Shaving cream additive |
| 13 "CSI" evidence | 33 Chicken-king link | 51 Silver-white element |
| 14 Tide type | 34 Rainbow fish | 54 Sawyer's pal |
| 15 Rite | 35 Just out | 55 Intimidate |
| 17 Chills and fever | 36 — canto | 56 Basilica section |
| 18 Varlet | 37 Individual | 57 Santa's sackful |
| 19 Cop's badge | 38 Choir's rendition | 58 Id |
| 21 Erstwhile Peruvian | 39 Charged bit | counterpart |
| | 41 Clinton opponent | 59 Profits |

Crossword down

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| 1 Ahab portrayer | 20 Sentry's command | tourneys |
| 2 The yoke's on them | 22 Succotash ingredient | 42 Floral neckwear |
| 3 Old Italian money | 23 Duck | 43 Transport for |
| 4 Wonder or Nicks | 25 Poke | 54-Across |
| 5 Commotion | 26 Harty quaff | 44 Medley |
| 6 B&B | 27 Post-breakup payment | 45 Fight the clock |
| 7 Baseball's "Say Hey Kid" | 29 Car | 47 "Unh-unh" |
| 8 Where the elated walk | 31 Height of fashion? | 48 "Meet Me — Louis" |
| 9 Domination | 32 Possess | 49 Spuds' buds |
| 10 Manhandle | 34 Melody | 52 Yuletide beverage |
| 11 Hurried | 38 Lily Munster's hubby | 53 Pair |
| 16 Chaps | 40 Some golf | |

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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6	3	4	9	2	5	8	7	1
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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart
Under 13 min	21-25 min	Not bad
13-17 min	25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Lamb with Zucchini

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tsp (10 ml) sesame oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice
- 1 oz (25 g) fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh mint
- 12 oz (350 g) lean lamb leg, cut into thin slices
- 1 1/2 lb (700 g) large waxy new potatoes, scrubbed
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) canola oil
- 2 zucchini, sliced on the diagonal
- 6 scallions, sliced on the diagonal
- 1 cup (250 ml) shelled fresh or frozen peas, thawed if necessary
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) salt-reduced soy sauce
- 1/3 cup (80 ml) diluted salt-reduced beef or vegetable stock
- 2 tsp (10 ml) honey

METHOD:

- Whisk sesame oil, lemon juice, half of ginger and 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped mint in shallow dish. Add lamb and stir, then cover and leave to marinate.
- Put potatoes in a large pot and pour over boiling water to cover. Bring back to boil, half-cover pot and simmer 12 minutes or until almost tender. Drain and leave until cool enough to handle. Cut across into slices slightly thicker than

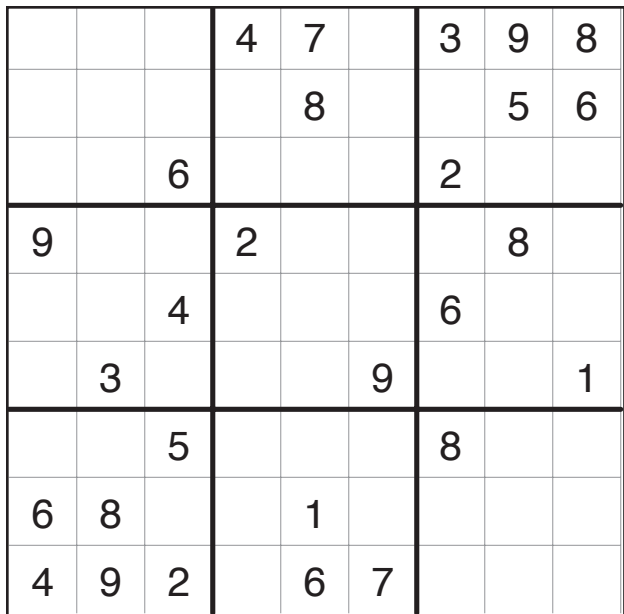
- 1/4 in. (5 mm), then cut slices into sticks. Put into bowl, drizzle with 1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil and gently toss to coat.
- Heat 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil in wok or large frying pan. When oil is hot, add lamb and stir-fry over high heat 1 minute or until just browned, but still fairly rare. Remove and set aside.
- Add remaining oil to wok and, when hot, add sliced zucchini. Stir-fry 1 minute, then add potato sticks. Cook 3-4 minutes, stirring, until lightly browned, taking care not to break up potatoes. Add scallions and cook 1 more minute, stirring.
- Reduce heat to medium and add peas, soy sauce, stock, honey and remaining ginger. Return lamb with any juices. Stir-fry 2-3 minutes or until liquid is bubbling and everything is tender and hot. Season to taste, scatter remaining chopped mint over top, and serve.

SERVES 4



Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Someone praises your hard work on a wonderful day. Your judgment is good about marriage plans. Senseless humility is a waste of time.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Nostalgia can't bring anyone back to you. Keep after someone to get more support. Try to remain alert to new possibilities in strange places.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A suspect makes a bad joke. A man makes a fuss over an important guy. Losing your temper and being malicious is an appalling choice.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Avoid feeling guilty when visiting. Smile when a happy female confesses. The last thing you expect will be a divine experience.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Someone will be grateful if you're truthful. Innuendo will grow stronger after an incident. You'll change your mind about a friendship.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
An elder needs a romantic tryst. An adventurous person will revive your hopes. A shamed guy calls for an update.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Don't leave a greedy friend alone. Take notice of a fitness plan and participate. Pamper yourself after breaking horrific habits.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A truthful person will come clean. Don't give up when someone makes an emotional impact. A competent person will complete a task.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Avoid any daydreaming that will cause pain. Fatalistic and impractical people will rebel. Someone will stay away from a danger zone.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A friend performs an unusual act. A lonely woman speaks of true love. A fortunate man is forced to take risks.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Be suspicious of unusual entertainment plans. You'll search for strange noises at home. You'll say good bye after a commotion.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
An old jester will be given something. Make plans with slacker who loves you. Tell your story to a younger guy.



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- Reduce the size of a metal in brass (Zn) (1)
- Element #5 (B) nincompoop (2)
- Reaping tool made of meteor metal (Ni) (2)
- Big lie about a metal in pennies (Cu) (2)
- British oxygen (O) discoverer or "90210" actor Jason (2)

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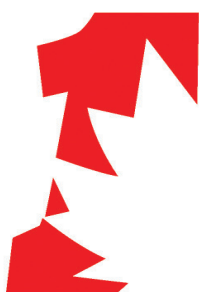
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